



MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

Shooting Range Development Program Categorical Exclusion Determination

The Thompson Falls Trap Club, 5661 Mt. Hwy 200, Thompson Falls, MT 59873, proposes to purchase a gun safe, upgrade the electrical systems to the traps house, trap fields exterior lighting and interior club house lighting and outlets. The Thompson Falls Trap Club applied for a grant under the Montana Shooting Range Development Program for \$2,988 in funding for the cost of purchasing these items.

The proposed action is considered a minor repair or maintenance of an existing facility or equipment; or primarily social or economic in nature and that does not otherwise affect the human environment and therefore is exempt from an Environmental Assessment under MEPA (Montana Environmental Policy Act), IAW the MEPA Model Rules implemented under Title 75, chapter 1, MCA, the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) para. III...

(5) The agency is not required to prepare an EA or an EIS for the following categories of action:...(c) minor repairs, operations, or maintenance of existing equipment or facilities; (f) actions that are primarily social or economic in nature and that do not otherwise affect the human environment.

The grant proposal review is complete and the funding request for this proposed project is approved, pending Thompson Falls Trap Club's completion of other administrative requirements under the Shooting Range Development Program. Please direct questions or comments concerning this grant, to Wayde Cooperider at FWP, PO Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620, or e-mail wacooperider@mt.gov.